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DAILY SUMMARY – OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

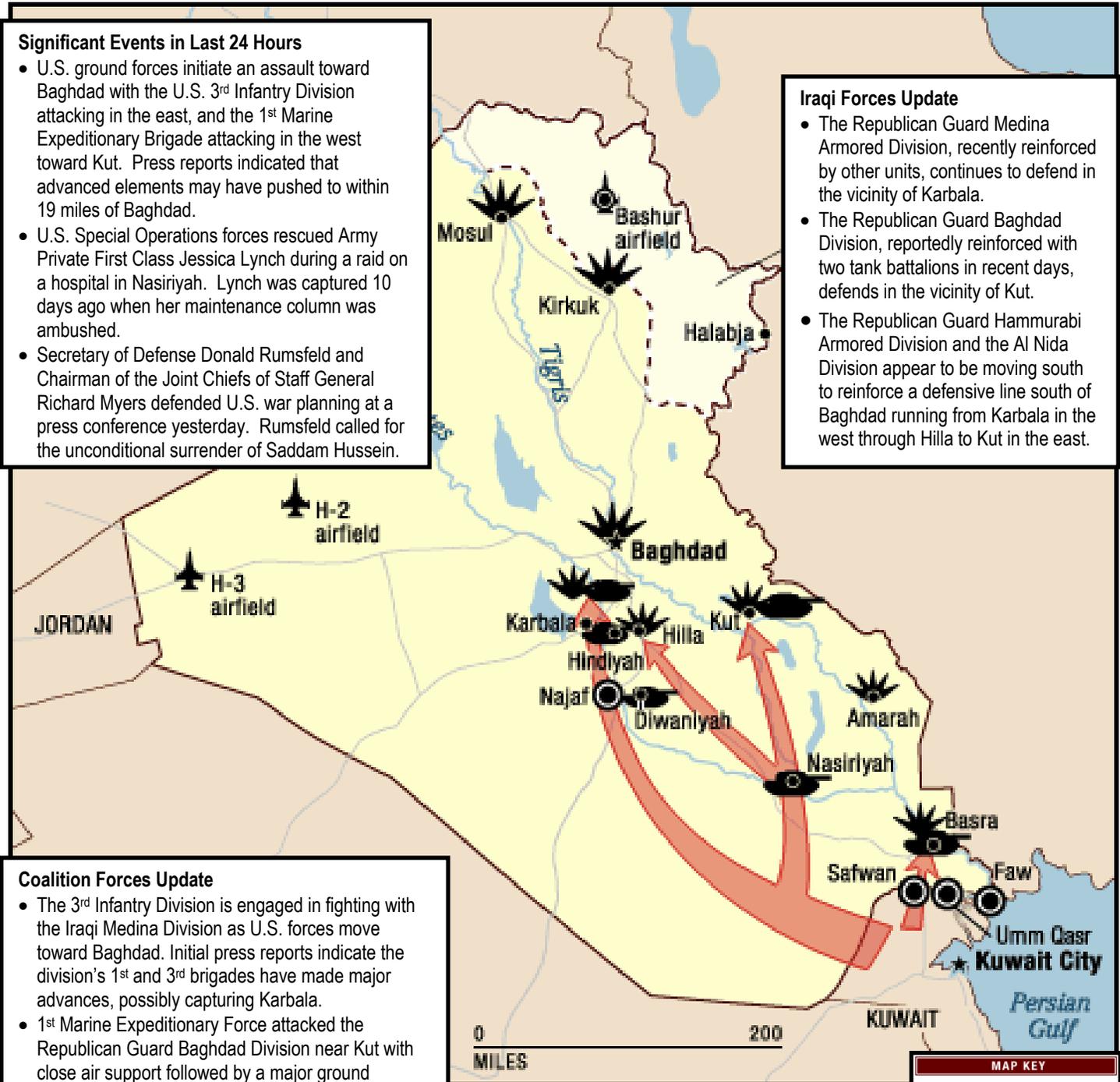
Current as of 10:00 a.m. EST April 2, 2003

Significant Events in Last 24 Hours

- U.S. ground forces initiate an assault toward Baghdad with the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division attacking in the east, and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade attacking in the west toward Kut. Press reports indicated that advanced elements may have pushed to within 19 miles of Baghdad.
- U.S. Special Operations forces rescued Army Private First Class Jessica Lynch during a raid on a hospital in Nasiriyah. Lynch was captured 10 days ago when her maintenance column was ambushed.
- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard Myers defended U.S. war planning at a press conference yesterday. Rumsfeld called for the unconditional surrender of Saddam Hussein.

Iraqi Forces Update

- The Republican Guard Medina Armored Division, recently reinforced by other units, continues to defend in the vicinity of Karbala.
- The Republican Guard Baghdad Division, reportedly reinforced with two tank battalions in recent days, defends in the vicinity of Kut.
- The Republican Guard Hammurabi Armored Division and the Al Nida Division appear to be moving south to reinforce a defensive line south of Baghdad running from Karbala in the west through Hilla to Kut in the east.



Coalition Forces Update

- The 3rd Infantry Division is engaged in fighting with the Iraqi Medina Division as U.S. forces move toward Baghdad. Initial press reports indicate the division's 1st and 3rd brigades have made major advances, possibly capturing Karbala.
- 1st Marine Expeditionary Force attacked the Republican Guard Baghdad Division near Kut with close air support followed by a major ground assault. CENTCOM spokesman Brigadier General Vincent Brooks states that the Baghdad Division has been "destroyed."
- British forces in Basra continue to battle Iraqi militia forces. Refugees in Basra can enter and leave the city over a British controlled bridge.

Sources: Unclassified Department of Defense Sources and Press Reports; map from *The Washington Post*.

MAP KEY	
	Battle Site
	Airstrike
	Ground attack
	Captured city
	Airfields
	Oil fields